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1. SUMMARY - AS REPORTED REFTEL THE JWGTRD MTG.
PROCEEDED ROUTINELY, SOME EGYPTIAN CONCERNS ABOUT THE FOCUS
AND IMPACT OF ITS ACTIVITIES WERE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED. AN
INCREASING INTEREST IN BETTER COORDINATION AND DIRECTION OF
FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS IN EARLIER AND MORE VISIBLE
RESULTS WAS NOTED. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THESE
AREAS RESTS PRIMARILY WITH GOE, HOWEVER US AGENCIES SHOULD
GUIDE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS, INCLUDING SFCP, WITH
THESE CONCERNS IN MIND. EMBASSY WILL BE SUGGESTING SFCP
GUIDELINES SHORTLY.

2. DURING THE JWGTRD MEETING SEVERAL EGYPTIAN CONCERNS
WERE VOICED INFORMALLY. THESE FOCUSED IN THREE AREAS:
(A) THE NEED TO MORE CLOSELY LINK RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY
ACTIVITIES WITH EGYPTIAN DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

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(B) THE HOPE THAT RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY WILL LEAD TO

CLOSER COMMERCIAL LINKS.

(C) THE DESIRABILITY, IF NOT NEED, TO PRODUCE SOMETHING

VISIBLE TO OR WITH IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC.

THESE POINTS WERE MADE SPECIFICALLY IN PRIVATE AND, LESS DIRECTLY, IN HIS OPENING REMARKS TO THE MEETING BY DR. AHMED EFFAT, COORDINATOR OF US ASSISTANCE. DR. HASSAN ISMAIL, THE EGYPTIAN CO-CHAIRMAN, ALSO NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF EXCELLENT WORKSHOPS, SYMPOSIA AND CONSULTANTS' REPORTS, HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, BUT MORE TRANSLATION OF THESE INTO PROJECTS WAS NEEDED IN SEVERAL AREAS.

3. THE DESIRE TO LINK RESEARCH MORE CLOSELY WITH DEVELOPMENT NEEDS IS A RECURRENT THEME REPORTED ON PREVIOUSLY. ONE PROBLEM IS DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AS DEFINED BY WHOM. EACH MINISTRY IS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENT IN SOME WAY AND TENDS TO DEFINE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS IN ITS OWN CONTEXT. SOME JWGTRD EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY WATER PROBLEMS, DO RELATE SPECIFICALLY, TO BROADER DEVELOPMENTAL SECTORS. OTHERS CAN BE RELATED IN SOME ELEMENTS. THE JWGTRD DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA TO ASSIST IN PRIORITY EVALUATIONS COULD ALSO BE HELPFUL. WE SUGGESTED TO DR. ISMAIL PRIVATELY THAT THE WILLINGNESS OF THE GOE TO PUT ITS OWN RESOURCES INTO A COOPERATIVE PROJECT WAS ONE INDICATION OF ITS REAL PRIORITY.

4. THE RELATION BETWEEN RESEARCH AND COMMERCIAL LINKAGES WAS LESS CLEARLY STATED: IT APPARENTLY RELATED TO THE DESIRABILITY OF RESEARCH OPENING UP THE WAY FOR INDUSTRY AND LATER INVESTMENT. HERE, THE JWGTRD WILL IDENTIFY WHEREVER POSSIBLE WHAT SECTORS E.G. INDUSTRY, UNIVERSITIES, GOVERNMENT OUGHT TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRIORITY AREA. WE ALSO SAID THAT US INDUSTRY SHOULD HAVE, AT LEAST, THE FIRST OPTION ON ANY SUCH IDENTIFICATIONS AND NOTED THAT, IN ONE JWGTRD ACTIVITY WHICH HAD LED TO A COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY, PRELIMINARY TENDERS OR INVITIATIONS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE EGYPTIAN SIDE TO ERUOPEAN FIRMS.

5. ON PUBLIC IMPACT, S AND T DOES RECEIVE REASONABLY GOOD PRESS COVERAGE HERE AND IT WOULD HELP THE JWGTRD (AT LEAST THE EGYPTIAN SIDE) IF IT WERE CONNECTED TO OR RESPONSIBLE FOR A WELL-PUBLICIZED ACTIVITY. IN THIS REGARD, THE WELL-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLICIZED AND SUCCESSFUL REMOTE SENSING PROJECT, WAS SOMEWHAT CO-OPTED INTO JWGTRD PROCEEDINGS.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE ARE WILLING TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST THE EGYPTIANS IN COORDINATION AND PRIORITY DEFINITION, THE RESPONSIBILITY IS PRIMARILY THEIRS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL HAVE TO BE SENSITIVE TO EGYPTIAN CONCERNS AND, WHERE NECESSARY, REATIONALIZE OUR OWN PRACTICES. IN A RELATED AREA

WE WILL SHORTLY BE SUBMITTING SUGGESTED GUIDELINES ON DEVELOPING
SFCP PROJECTS. THE VISIBILITY OF PROJECTS IN TERMS OF IMPACT
AND PUBLICITY RESTS INITIALLY WITH THE EGYPTIAN AND US
PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND WE SHOULD OURSELVES
BE ALERT TO POSSIBILITIES. ON DEVELOPMENT LINKAGES, THE PROBLEM
IS COMPOUNDED BY THE LACK OF STAFF SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO DR. ISMAIL
OR DR. EFFAT, PARTICULARLY IN FOLLOW-ON COORDINATION. DR.
ISMAIL, WHO IS NOW ESSENTIALLY A PRIVATE PERSON, OPERATES AS
AN INDIVIDUAL TO FOCUS AND RATIONALIZE EGYPTIAN INPUTS. HE
HAS NO AUTHORITY WITH THE EGYPTIAN LINE AGENCIES, BUT DEPENDS
ON HIS PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS. THERE ARE
ADVANTAGES TO HAVING A NEUTRAL CO-CHAIRMAN, BUT THESE TEND
TO BE BALANCED BY LACK OF STAFF SUPPORT. ALONG, THESE LINES,
DR. ADEL SABET, UNDER SECRETARY, MIN OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH RECENTLY SAID THAT DR. ISMAIL SHOULD HAVE
THE SUPPORT OF STAFF, PERHAPS IN THE ACADEMY, OR THE CHAIRMANSHIP
SHOULD RSIDE IN A MINISTRY. LINKING RESEARCH TO COMMERCIAL
ACTIVITIES IS A PARTICULAR INTEREST OF DR. EFFAT. HE MENTIONED
THE POSSIBILITY OF USING THE NEWLY FORMED JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL
TO EXPLOIT COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS AREA, BUT DID NOT
SEEM TO HAVE EXPLICIT IDEAS. EFFAT ALSO, HAS LITTLE IN THE WAY
OF LINE AUTHORITY.

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